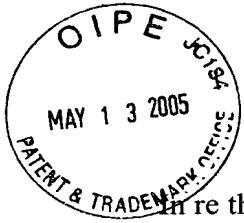


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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 7, 2005, the term to respond extends to July 7, 2005. Please enter this amendment and remarks.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.